

Josiah Quincy House

20 Muirhead Street, Quincy

The 1770 Josiah Quincy House is an outstanding example of New England Georgian architecture. The clapboarded frame house with quoined pilasters is noted for its delicate classical entrance portico and its monitor roof. Obscured from view behind a Chinese Chippendale balustrade, the monitor is the oldest known surviving example of this roof form in the country and was likely the seminal example from which others were modeled. The house, open as a historic house museum, is also noted for its associations with four generations of Josiah Quincys and Eliza Susan Quincy, who helped shape the national political landscape and were prominent in education, commerce, history, and literature.